

The Choice: Finding God In Your World

*"God Is Closer Than You Think" Part 2 of 7
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What To Do When You Realize God Wants To "Hang" With You

I) GOD: BOTH SOMEWHERE AND EVERYWHERE

While God Is In Heaven ...
(from Psalm 139)

1) ...He also ___DWELLS EVERYWHERE___ around us.

*"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there."
(Psalm 139:7-8, NIV)*

2) ...He also ___SEES EVERYTHING___ within us.

*"If I say, 'Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,' even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is light to you... My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place."
(Psalm 139:11-12 & 15, NIV)*

3) ...He also ___KNOWS EVERY DETAIL___ about us.

*"O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord."
(Psalm 139:1-4, NIV)*

4) ...He also ___ORDAINS EVERY DAY___ for us.

*"All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."
(Psalm 139:16b, NIV)*

II) US: FINDING THE GOD WHO IS EVER NEAR

***Finding God means making an everyday, conscience
choice to ___SEEK AND SEE GOD___ in your everyday life.**

*"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."
(Matthew 13:44-46, NIV)*

III) CHOOSING TO FIND GOD IN YOUR WORLD

Important Places To Make Choices To Seek Him

1) Labor: Who am I ___REALLY WORKING FOR___?

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."
(Colossians 3:23-24, NIV)*

2) Leisure: How do I ___SPEND MY FREE TIME___?

*"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."
(Psalm 90:12, NIV)*

3) Lifestyle: What do my ___ACTIONS SPEAK ABOUT ME___?

*"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."
(Acts 4:13, NIV)*

4) People: Do my ___RELATIONSHIPS DRAW ME TO GOD___?

"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1, NIV)

"Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character'."

(1 Corinthians 15:33, NIV)